

House Resolution 1076

By: Representatives Benfield of the 85th, Henson of the 87th, Drenner of the 86th, Mitchell of the 88th, Shipp of the 58th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Writers Institute of Georgia Perimeter College and its writer-in-residence,
2 the award-winning author Mr. Jack Riggs; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia Perimeter College is one of only two community colleges in the nation
4 with writers institutes; and

5 WHEREAS, the mission of Georgia Perimeter's Writers Institute is to enhance the
6 educational experience for students by promoting excellence in writing throughout the
7 college and support students and faculty in their own literary endeavors; and

8 WHEREAS, the Writers Institute works with numerous community partners, such as the
9 Georgia Center for the Book, the Decatur Book Festival and the Atlanta Writers Club to
10 bring important literary events to the communities it serves; and

11 WHEREAS, the Writers Institute hosts a Speakers Series that brings acclaimed authors to
12 Georgia Perimeter campus for readings and book discussions, and it supports the
13 *Chattahoochee Review*, one of the Southeast's best known and most highly regarded literary
14 magazines; and

15 WHEREAS, the Writers Institute is custodian of the Townsend Prize for Fiction, awarded
16 biennially to a Georgia writer determined by a distinguished panel of independent judges to
17 have published the best book of fiction during the preceding two years; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Riggs is the writer-in-residence at the Writers Institute and was named
19 Georgia Author of the Year for his first novel, *When the Finch Rises*; and

20 WHEREAS, his second novel, *The Fireman's Wife*, has been chosen by Target department
21 stores as its Bookmarked Break-Out Book for February, 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Riggs serves as the creative genius behind the Writers Institute, and his
23 hard work and diligent efforts to improve the literary and cultural arts at Georgia Perimeter
24 College are worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the Writers Institute of Georgia Perimeter College as the
27 foremost institution of its kind in this state and recognize Mr. Jack Riggs for his outstanding
28 literary contributions and achievements.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jack Riggs, the
31 President of Georgia Perimeter College, and the Board of Regents of the University System
32 of Georgia.